

## CLAIMS

1. A mat suitable for use as a playing surface, the mat comprising a support matrix and a filler material.
2. The mat as claimed in claim 1, wherein the support matrix comprises paper-mache.
3. The mat as claimed in claim 1, wherein the support matrix comprises an array of close-packed tubes that are packed with the filler material.
4. The mat as claimed in claim 3, wherein the tubes are formed from a porous material.
5. The mat as claimed in claim 3, wherein adjacent tubes are attached to one another.
6. The mat as claimed in claim 3, wherein the tubes have lateral perforations.
7. The mat as claimed in claim 1, wherein the filler material comprises at least one filler material selected from the group consisting of paper-mache, sand, grit, polymer beads, soil, loam, sphagnum moss, peat, wood chips or shavings, sawdust, and clay.
8. The mat as claimed in claim 1, wherein the filler comprises a fibrous material.
9. The mat as claimed in claim 1, wherein the mat is seeded with grass.
10. A method of making a mat for use as a playing surface, the method comprising adding a filler material to a support matrix, and heating or drying the support matrix and filler material.